

To increase *mutual understanding* between people of the U.S. and people of other countries through people-to-people exchange

Created by U.S. Congress in 1946 (Senator J. William Fulbright)

Over 8,000 grantees from 155 countries annually

Administered overseas by bi-national Fulbright Commissions and U.S. Embassies

Students apply for one type of award to a specific country

Funding covers airfare, living costs, healthcare, enrichment activities, more

## General Qualifications

- US citizenship at time of application
- High level of academic and/or professional achievement
- A well-developed, feasible project
- Demonstrated leadership ability
- Sufficient language proficiency (varies by country)
- Focus on increasing mutual understanding through community engagement
- Contribution to achieving goals of diversity
- Compatibility with country preferences and requirements

## Application Components

- Basic Personal data
- Statement of Grant Purpose essay (1-2 pages)
- Personal Statement (1 page)
- Language Evaluation
- Three (3) References
- Campus Committee Interview & Evaluation
- Letter(s) of Affiliation (Research/Study ONLY)
- Supplementary Materials (Arts applicants ONLY)

Approximately 1200+ awards, 75 countries

8-10 months

20-30 hours a week helping to teach English and US culture in the classroom

Remaining time spent on a community-focused engagement activity

Approximately 950+ awards, 140 countries

8-10 months

Independent research in academic or arts fields

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# Starting a Fulbright Application

1. From the Fulbright homepage, select "

# Researching Your Country

It is important to know as much as you can about your host country. While you will not include all of this information in your proposals, doing this research will help you fine tune your proposals and be useful in your interviews. While the Fulbright program is meant for you to learn about the host country while living there, it is important to demonstrate a sincere interest in, and basic understanding of, the host country.

1. What do you know about the history of the country?
2. Describe the political structure of the country.
3. Describe the current political climate in the country.
4. What are the current economic conditions of the country?
5. Describe 3 key geographical elements of the country.
6. Name and describe the major cities in the country and the distance between them.
7. Describe how you have taken advantage of opportunities in a new place you have lived.
8. What are the current major domestic issues? Briefly describe them.
9. What are the current major international issues? Briefly describe them.
10. What are the current major domestic issues in the country? Briefly describe them.
11. What are some of the ways that you can (and will) be involved with the host community? (through your proposed project, volunteer service, or extra-curricular activities)
12. Describe the country:
  - Who lives there?
  - What languages are spoken?
  - What religion(s) are practiced?
  - What role does family play?
  - How important is a group-oriented (or individual) approach to living?
  - What are some typical etiquette/customs of the culture?
  - What does the national flag look like? How important is the flag?

## Resources

USDOS Country Guides:

<https://www.state.gov/misc/list/index.htm>

Google Earth (know your geography

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# Statement of Grant Purpose

1. With whom do you propose to work?
2. What do you propose to do?
3. What is innovative about the research?
4. What are the specific research goals and methodologies?
5. What is important or significant about the project?
6. What contribution will the project make toward the Fulbright goal of promoting cultural exchange and mutual understanding?
7. When will you carry out the project? Include a rough timeline.
8. Where do you propose to conduct your study or research? Why was this location(s) chosen?
9. Why do you want to undertake this project?
10. Why does the project have to be conducted in the country of application?
11. How will your project help further your academic or professional development?
12. How will you engage with the host country community?



## References & Language Evaluations

As much as possible, references should come from faculty members. Occasionally, those proposing an English Teaching Assistantship may request a reference from a previous supervisor. If you are considering references other than faculty members, you are strongly encouraged to talk to the Fulbright Program Advisers first.

*English Teaching Assistantship:* Recommenders complete a form with a series of short-answer questions regarding items such as communication skills, interest in teaching, and ability to work in unstructured environments.

*Research and Creative Arts:* Recommenders write letters that speak to your ability to carry out the project being proposed, your intellectual and professional preparation, and your ability to represent the US abroad.

Language requirements vary by country, so review the country description carefully. Research/Creative Arts applicants must be sure to have sufficient language to carry out the project you are proposing. Both a self-language evaluation and a faculty evaluation are needed if there is a language requirement.

## Affiliation Letters

ONLY Research/Creative Arts proposals are required to have an Affiliation Letter. These letters come directly from the affiliation in the host country to the student. The student uploads the letter directly. The Affiliation Letter is a I-114



# IMPORTANT DATES 2018

Kickoff Dinner for 2018 applicants

Workshop #1: Personal Statement Workshop, Overview of Statement of Grant Purpose

Workshop #2: Statement of Grant Purpose Workshop

Workshop #3: Interview Preparation, Country Knowledge, Revising the Personal Statement and Statement of Grant Purpose

Recommendation Letters Due

Affiliation Letters Due (for those proposing research projects)

Workshop #4: PS, Mock Interview and Last Questions

Deadline for students to submit their application through Embark, the application system

28, 2018

On-campus Interviews

Deadline for students to submit their final, revised application through Embark, the application system

Fulbright Adviser uploads campus committee evaluation forms and submits applications to Fulbright

National Fulbright Application Deadline

Fulbright announces decisions of the National Screening Committee process via email. Applications moving on in the process are sent to in-country Fulbright commissions to review.

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